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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner  
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## Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oct 5, 2000
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 27-40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

## Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other:

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1. The amendment filed 10/5/00 has been entered.
2. The application is being withdrawn from issue for the following purpose: Claims 20-26 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 251 as attempting to recapture by broadening the scope of the claims narrowed during prosecution of the original patent. Further, the indicated allowability of claims 20-26 are withdrawn.

**Rejection, 35 U.S.C. 251, Recapture**

3. Claims 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 as being an improper **recapture** of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. See *Hester Industries, Inc. v. Stein, Inc.*, 142 F.3d 1472, 46 USPQ2d 1641 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Clement*, 131 F.3d 1464, 45 USPQ2d 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997); *Ball Corp. v. United States*, 729 F.2d 1429, 1436, 221 USPQ 289, 295 (Fed. Cir. 1984). A broadening aspect is present in the reissue which was not present in the application for patent. The record of the application for the patent shows that the broadening aspect (in the reissue) relates to subject matter that applicant previously surrendered during the prosecution of the application.

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Accordingly, the narrow scope of the claims in the patent was not an error within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 251, and the broader scope surrendered in the application for the patent cannot be recaptured by the filing of the present reissue application.

In the amendment filed on 9/5/95 of the parent application 08/320,447, Applicant amended claim 1, line 7, change "fiction" to --force-- in order to make the parent application 08/320,447 in condition for allowance and argued in page 3 of the remarks that:

"As set forth in amended claim 1, the method of the present invention attaches the side shield to the temple of the glasses by creating "a force fit between the temple, said channel and said pin." The patent to Wolff does not disclose such a force fit and , in fact, teaches away from the use of such a force fit."

Now in claims 20 and 23 of this reissue application, Applicant claiming the same limitations as the original claimed of claim 1 of the parent application 08/320,447. This is attempting to recapture by broadening the scope of the claims narrowed during prosecution of the original patent. Note In re Clement, 45 USPQ2d, 1161 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

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**Allow Subject Matter**

4. Claims 1-19 and 27-40 are allowed.
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Dang at telephone number (703) 308-0550.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hung Xuan Dang', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Hung Xuan Dang  
Primary Examiner**